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Mr. Matt Chapman  
Muckrock News  
Department MR76322  
411A Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516  
Sent VIA: 76322-29155016@requests.muckrock.com

Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST  
REQUEST DATE: July 9, 2019  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P504097**

Dear Mr. Matt Chapman:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking:

*Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act., I hereby request the following records:*

*A copy of all 2019 complimentary communications, as defined by Special Order S01-01-08.*

*The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.*

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. CPD considers this request burdensome since you are requesting "ALL" complimentary communications. Furthermore, the lack of a specific time frame further supports a burdensome response. Therefore, it is determined that your request is denied.

Given the broad parameters of your request, processing such a search would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

**Emergency and TTY:** 9-1-1 • **Non Emergency and TTY:** (within city limits) 3-1-1 • **Non Emergency and TTY:** (outside city limits) (312) 746-6000

**E-mail:** [police@cityofchicago.org](mailto:police@cityofchicago.org) • **Website:** [www.cityofchicago.org/police](http://www.cityofchicago.org/police)

In light of the sheer volume of responsive documentation, it has been determined that your request requires further information. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner.

Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable and specific. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates and parties.

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (312) 745-5308, or by mail at the following address:

Chicago Police Department  
Attn: Freedom of Information  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60653

To the extent that you consider this a denial of your FOIA request, you have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706 or by telephone at (217)558-0486. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. T. McNamara", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

B. T. McNamara  
Freedom of Information Act Officer  
Department of Police